



Testimony By Deborah Lincoln

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Support of SB 351

Good Morning Chairperson Gaffney and members of the committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak on this issue that is dear to my heart.

My name is Deborah Lincoln. I have been a Registered Nurse for 33 years and have been an acupuncturist for 24 years. I am the President of the Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and the owner of the Meridian Health and Wellness Center located in Okemos.

I am here in support of SB 351. I have worked with many of my fellow acupuncturists' colleagues for over two decades to bring before the state legislature a bill that will protect both the public safety and the practitioners in our field a bill that will set the highest of academic standards in our profession, and guarantee the people of Michigan the best of health care by reputable professional acupuncturists.

SB351 will establish registration to set the standards for acupuncturist's practicing in Michigan and allow for reciprocity among practitioners between Michigan and other states. At this time, 42 states have recognized and addressed the need to establish standards for the acupuncture profession. A list of the states is included with my written testimony.

The question has been asked in Michigan, why do we need these safe guards? What's wrong with the way things are now? The answer to that question is both simple and complicated.

SB351 is a step in the right direction, by establishing a registration program with an administrative board with specific rules and guidelines that will also allow consumers to know what they are purchasing.

On behalf of the Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine we respectfully urge your support of SB351.

I personally want to thank each of you for your consideration and attention. I would also like to especially thank Rep. Green for his interest and additional support. After 20 years of working for passage of this bill, I can now see the light at the end of the tunnel, and it feels very good. I look forward to answering any questions you may have today, or in the future.

Thank you.

STATE LICENSURE AND NCCAOM CERTIFICATION

NOTE: Michigan is one of 10 or fewer states that have not yet established licensing or professional standards for the practice of acupuncture. These states are: AL, DE, KS, KY, MS, ND, OK, SD, & WY

States	Practice Ac	Require NCCAOM Exam(s)	Require Certification	Use Own Exams	State Board Phone Number	Title Granted*
Alabama	AL					
Alaska	AK	Yes	CWE		907/465-2695	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Arizona	AZ	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	602/542-3095	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Arkansas	AR	Yes	CWE-PLE		501/228-0664	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
California	CA	Yes		Yes	916/263-2680	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Colorado	CO	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	303/894-2464	Licensed Acupuncturist
Connecticut	CT	Yes	CWE-PLE		860/509-7562	Acupuncturist
Delaware	DE					
Florida	FL	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	850/488-0595	Licensed Acupuncturist, A.P., D.O.M., R.Ac.
Georgia	GA	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	404/656-3913	L.Ac.
Hawaii	HI	Yes	CWE		808/586-3000	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Idaho	ID	Yes	CWE-PLE		208-334-3233	Certified Acupuncturist
Illinois	IL	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	217/782-8556	Acupuncturist
Indiana	IN	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	317-234-2013	
Iowa	IA	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	515/281-6489	R.Ac.
Kansas	KS					
Kentucky	KY					
Louisiana	LA	Yes			504/524-6763	Acupuncture Assistant
Maine	ME	Yes	CWE	Yes	207/624-8603	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Maryland	MD	Yes	CWE		410/764-4766	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Massachusetts	MA	Yes	CWE-PLE		617/654-9869	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Michigan	MI					
Minnesota	MN	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	612/617-2130	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Mississippi	MS					
Missouri	MO	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	573/751-2104	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Montana	MT	Yes	CWE		406/444-4284	C.A.
Nebraska	NE	Yes	CWE-PLE		402/471-2118	Acupuncturist
Nevada	NV	Yes	CWE-PLE		702/486-7280	DOM or Acupuncture Assistant
New Hampshire	NH	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	603/271-5127	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
New Jersey	NJ	Yes	CWE-PLE		609/826-7100	C.A.
New Mexico	NM	Yes	CWE-PLE		505/476-7100	Doctor of Oriental Medicine
New York	NY	Yes	CWE-PLE		518/474-3817	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
North Carolina	NC	Yes	CWE-PLE		919/773-0530	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
North Dakota	ND					
Ohio	OH	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	614/466-3934	R.Ac./C.A./Acupuncturist
Oklahoma	OK					
Oregon	OR	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	503/229-5770	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Pennsylvania	PA	Yes	CWE		717/783-4858	Acupuncturist
Rhode Island	RI	Yes	CWE		401/222-2827	Doctor of Acupuncture
South Carolina	SC	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	803/896-4500	Acupuncturist
South Dakota	SD					
Tennessee	TN	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	615/532-4384	Licensed Acupuncturist
Texas	TX	Yes	CWE-PLE		512/305-7067	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Utah	UT	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	801/530-6740	Acupuncturist
Vermont	VT	Yes	CWE		802/828-2373	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Virginia	VA	Yes	CWE-PLE	Yes	804/662-9908	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Washington	WA	Yes	CWE-PLE		360/664-3230	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Washington D.C.	DC	Yes	CWE		202/727-5365	Acupuncturist
West Virginia	WV	Yes	CWE		304/529-4558	L.Ac./Lic.Ac.
Wisconsin	WI	Yes	CWE		608/266-0070	Acupuncturist
Wyoming	WY					
Totals	41	39	15	1		As of May 2003

*L.Ac./Lic.Ac. = Licensed Acupuncturist / R.Ac. = Registered Acupuncturist / C.A. = Certified Acupuncturist